

OVERBROOK

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So, the Overbrook's last meal was served March 26.

"After two decades, many of our Overbrook customers retired and moved to Florida and many spouses have passed on," Macri said. "Their children have their own lifestyle and mixed memories of dining here because it brings back both happy and sad recollections of special days gone by."

So Tony and Lois Macri have decided to close the Overbrook and put it up for sale. "Everything has a season," Macri said. "We leave with our own good memories and feel that it is the right thing to do at the right time."

About seven years ago, Macri and his wife saw a need for another type of restaurant, and Bistro Bistro at the United Penn Plaza in Kingston was born out of a demand for quality dining in a faster, one-course meal atmosphere that includes salads and sandwiches.

"We have struck a successful note at Bistro by offering fusion type of food, that is, integrating two types of ethnic cooking into many of our dishes," Tony Macri said.

More recently, the Macris opened Mambo Italiano in Dupont, formerly Celestino's. The restaurant offers a casual atmosphere with Italian family style dining. "The size of the facility also offers us the opportunity to do the catering we always wanted to do at Overbrook, but were limited by space," said Macri.



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Tony Macri looks up at the banner he had placed on the Overbrook restaurant last week, thanking his customers. A change in dining preferences led him to shutter the business after 20 years.

"We hope that the people who enjoyed our food and service at the Overbrook will visit us at Bistro Bistro and Mambo Italiano," said Macri. Gift certificates for the Overbrook will be honored at the other restaurants.

Lois Macri is very proud of what her husband has accomplished in the restaurant business and has her own special thoughts about this transition in their lives. "Tony is a hands-on guy, and now he can focus on Bistro and Mambo with the same intensity that made the Overbrook such a success for two decades."

"I never want to forget how I got here," said Tony Macri. "Lois and I feel like we not only

satisfied our customers, but we made friends along the way. We welcome those friends to join us in Kingston and Dupont. If they give me a few days notice, I would be happy to prepare any of the dishes they used to enjoy at the Overbrook."

The Overbrook was put on the market in October. It is listed at \$375,000. The Macris are hoping someone will come along who is able to place their own brand on the restaurant and make it something new and different. "Maybe someone could make it a Mexican restaurant or a pizza parlor," said Lois Macri.

The sale will include all furniture, fixtures and everything down to the last spoon, Tony

Macri said. "We want someone to be able to come along, hit the ground running and make their mark as a special restaurant with their own style of food and service."

The Overbrook building includes a two-bedroom apartment upstairs where the Macris lived in the early days of the business. "It could be a one mortgage home and business for someone who's getting started like we were back then," said Lois Macri.

"This is a bittersweet moment for us," Tony Macri said. "We want to thank everyone for 20 great years. As we said, we just didn't have customers, we made friends, and we will miss them."

GROWING

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increased from 39.9 years to 41.5, Hull said. That suggests zoning should address the need for senior citizen housing, such as encouraging smaller, one-level homes in some neighborhoods.

Dallas Borough council member Pat Peiffer said she regularly hears concerns from residents about that issue. "There is no place for them to go out here," she said.

The increasing age of residents was one of the statistics presented by Hull and other planners involved in the study at the March 28 meeting of the Back Mountain Council of Governments. Their research will be combined with comments from local officials and the public in preparation of the plan, which will be a recommendation, not a mandate.

Dave Jenkins, Kingston Township's representative to the COG, is concerned about what happens — if anything — once the plan is completed. "I just hope we get some concrete solutions" that can be turned into ordinances, he said.

The goal is to have an overall plan with recommendations that individual communities can incorporate in their zoning codes. Ray Iwanowski, a Lehman Township representative, said the township wants to update its zoning, but will wait to see the wider plan before doing so.

Jenkins is wary of the cost to make extensive revisions in codes. "That's going to be an

issue with each municipality."

Having a regional plan may help to attract grants that could be used for those changes. "The four members will have to team together" to seek that funding, Jenkins said.

The transportation component of the study was reviewed by Keith Mullins, of Edwards and Kelcey. He pointed out that traffic volume increases at a more rapid rate than population, and some roads are over their design capacity at peak hours.

The issue of trucks cutting through local roads was a focus in Lehman Township. "Heavy vehicles are going to deteriorate the pavement at a faster rate," Mullins said.

Mullins said PennDOT did not have current data for some problem areas, and his firm would conduct its own traffic counts in the coming months.

One recommendation came too late — to locate new schools near the neighborhoods they serve. In 1999, the Dallas School District closed Westmoreland Elementary in Trucksville after building the new Wycallis Elementary School, clustering all the district's schools on one campus.

The next step will be a public meeting, scheduled for May 2 at College Misericordia. A more refined presentation will be ready then, and citizen comments will be accepted before a final version is produced later this year.

MOVERS & SHAKERS



Dr. Shawn W. Miller and Dr. Mark E. Morris have opened Back Mountain Neurodiagnostics, located in the Fernbrook Plaza on Route 309 Dallas. Dr. Miller and Dr. Morris are practicing Chiropractors with offices in Dallas and Tunkhannock and will be performing "on-site" nerve conduction (NCV) and electromyography (EMG) testing.

Carolann Litzzi, D.O. has opened an office of Preventive & Anti-Aging Medicine at 29 N. Memorial Highway, Shavertown. The office is the first to open in Luzerne County that specializes in intensive preventive medicine based on early detection, prevention and reversal of aging-related chronic disease for men and women.

Dr. Litzzi is a member of the American Academy of Anti-Aging Medicine and a Diplomat of both the Board of Anti-Aging Medicine and the Board of

Family Medicine. A summa cum laude graduate of the Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences (formerly University of Health Sciences - College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Litzzi previously worked at the emergency room of Wilkes-Barre General Hospital and has years of family practice and emergency medicine experience.

Dr. Litzzi also offers a full range of non-surgical, aesthetic medicine procedures including micro-dermabrasion and Mesotherapy, a system of using microinjections that help the body metabolize and rid itself of fat. She also offers Botox and facial fillers.

Colleen Reed, daughter of John and Arlene Bergevin of Dallas, recently opened Canyon Country Hiking Adventures, LLC in Flagstaff, Arizona. Reed's company caters exclusively to women, presenting them with the opportunity to experience the beauty, serenity and empowerment of one of the natural wonders of the world — the Grand Canyon — and its incredible surroundings.

Prior to relocating to Flagstaff, Reed resided locally for 30 years. She is a graduate of Gate of Heaven Elementary School, Bishop O'Reilly High School and Kutztown University. Reed operated a design business out of her Dallas home for 11 years. She



was an active participant in the local triathlon, cycling and road running scene, as well as hiking at Ricketts Glenn and Francis Slocum state parks.

Reed spent a year and a half hiking all over northern Arizona and the Grand Canyon before opening her business. She completed two outdoor leadership courses, a wilderness first responder course and basic climbing safety systems course at Northern Arizona University. She joined Coconino County Search & Rescue and became certified as a "Leave No Trace" trainer. For more information, visit www.canyoncountryhiking.com.

GOALS

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He would like to find a way to develop a "commercial village" along the old Main Street in Shavertown.

Public services and facilities should be coordinated across municipal boundaries when possible, eliminating duplicate expenses.

Residential developments should include walking and bicycle trails, particularly if they are near parks and recreation areas. Planning and zoning regulations can be written to require builders to include

these amenities in subdivisions.

Despite new construction, the housing stock is aging, with nearly half the homes 50 years or more old. "That's not incredibly old," Hull said, but older homes will present maintenance concerns that could be addressed in zoning codes.

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